

## March 2013 - Week 3



**Kelly La Plant**  
**Teaching Assistant**

This Queensbury resident has worked for the district for seven years. She is currently a teaching assistant in the seventh- and eighth-grade at Queensbury Middle School. Previously, she was a 1:1 aide.

### **What do you enjoy about being a part of the Queensbury school community?**

"I enjoy working with students and watching them grow and succeed. I also am lucky to work with such a great group of people!"



**Nick Giumarra**  
**Technology Teacher**

This Queensbury resident has worked in the district for eight years. He teaches technology at Queensbury High School.

"The Queensbury community allows students to be exposed to and explore specific interests. As a previous contractor and mechanical engineer, I know that there are lots of opportunities for students in these fields in the Capital Region. It is fun to be able to show them aspects of technology that could open the door to future careers. Learning hands-on and with technology is an exciting and engaging way to learn - and to teach!"

### **When you're not working, what are some of your favorite interests and activities?**

"I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. Watching my three daughters, Brianna, Brittany and Brielle, in their various sporting events is one of my favorite things to do. I also love to cook!"

"Probably as no surprise, when I am not at school, I enjoy working on projects of my own and with friends. I am constantly thinking of what home improvements I can do for myself or to help others. It's a good summer project to build a deck, a shed, or put on an addition. I am also the dad to three awesome kids, two of whom go to Queensbury and the third will be in kindergarten next September. Being their dad is probably my busiest and best work I do when not at school!"

### **In what ways do you try to support the greater Queensbury community and/or specific charitable organizations/groups?**

"I participate with my girls' school teams on their 'Power of Pink' fundraisers. I also contribute to American Cancer Society."

"My kids are really involved in activities at the Glens Falls Y, and I really appreciate the opportunities that the Y gives to our community. I like to think about small ways that I can help the Y be successful - even if it is just participating in some small fundraisers and spreading the word about all it has to offer. Also, as a former camp counselor at the Double H Hole in the Woods Ranch in Lake Luzerne, I know firsthand what an amazing organization camp is and what it offers to kids in our community and in all of New York. My wife,

who was also a counselor there, and I are involved in community efforts to fundraise for this camp - in particular the Camp Challenge Bike and 5K Trail Run."